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SUBJECT: US-JAPAN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES-REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
ON DISPOSAL OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

REF: (A) STATE 120502, (B) TOKYO AIRGRAM 7075, (C) STATE 166319

EMBASSY CONTACTED FOLLOWING GOJ OFFICIALS RE: DISPOSAL OF
CATALYTIC CONVERTERS: MASATOSHI MATSUNAMI, ASSISTANT TO HEAD OF
POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION, AUTOMOBILE BUREAU, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
(MOT) AND KAZU KATO, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, MINISTER'S
SECRETARIAT, ENVIRONMENT AGENCY. ACCORDING TO THSE SOURCES,
GOJ DOES NOT REPEAT NOT PRESENTLY HAVE ENFORCEABLE REGULATION IN
FORCE ON DISPOSAL OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS. MOT HAS ONLY
"GUIDANCE NOTICE" FOR INDUSTRY WHICH WENT INTO EFFECT APRIL
1, 1975. THIS "GUIDANCE NOTICE" WAS INTENDED TO HELP JAPANESE
AUTO MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS INTERPRET THE REVISED SAFETY
STANDARDS FOR ROAD TRANSPORT VEHICLES AND ENFORCEMENT REGULATIONS
FOR THE ROAD TRANSPORT VEHICLE LAW. COPY OF "GUIDANCE NOTICE"
(IN JAPANESE) BEING AIR POUCHED. SECTION PERTAINING TO CATALYTIC
CONVERTER DISPOSAL TRANSLATED BY EMBASSY AS FOLLOWS:
"MEASURES FOR VEHICLES WHICH MEET 1975 AUTOMOBILE SMISSION
STANDARDS BY ADOPTING CATALYTIC CONVERTER METHOD

(1) PASTING STICKERS

A STICKER (INDICATING NON-LEADED GASOLIN ONLY) SHALL BE
PASTED NEAR THE OPENING FOR INJECTION OF GASOLINE AS IT IS
NECESSARY NOT TO INJECT LEADED GASOLINE TO PREVENT DEGRADATION
OF CATALYSTS.

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(2) DISPOSAL OF SPENT CATALYSTS

THOSE PROFESSIONALLY ENGAGING IN THE MANUFACTURE OR
IMPORTATION OF AUTOMOBILES SHALL ESTABLISH METHODS FOR
RECOVERING AND DUMPING USED CATALYSTS, AND DIPOSE OF (CATALYSTS)
PROPERLY ACCORDING TO THE METHODS."
GOJ OFFICIALS NOT FAMILIAR WITH "STUDY" CITED IN REF A,
PARA 1. POSSIBILITY THIS MAY BE JAPANESE INDUSTRY STUDY DONE
BY TOYOTA OR NISSAN COMPANY.
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